

Washington State Patrol Media Release

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Washington State Patrol Fallen Officers Memorial Service

Chief John Batiste announced today that the 19th annual Washington State Patrol Fallen Officers Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. This Memorial Service will commence at 9:30 a.m. in the courtyard of the State Patrol Academy in Shelton. "This Memorial Service recognizes the men and women of the Washington State Patrol who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving the citizens of the state of Washington," stated Chief Batiste. Governor Christine Gregoire is also scheduled to attend and speak at the Memorial Service. Since the inception of the State Patrol in 1921, 26 officers have fallen in the line of duty. To view the names and circumstances surrounding the deaths of these fallen heroes go to <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/newsfags/wspmemor.htm#duty>. The WSP Honor Guard will be present to execute a 21-gun salute and perform taps.

Immediately following the Memorial Service, there will be an awards ceremony recognizing some of the outstanding employees of 2004. The following recipients will receive departmental awards:

Trooper of the Year

Trooper David V. Kaiser, Kennewick

District Troopers of the Year

Trooper Gene L. Huguenin, Olympia
Trooper Richard L. Bjorkman, Seattle
Trooper Bryant C. Blake, Spokane
Trooper Michael B. Johnson, Vancouver
Trooper Kirk D. Schneider, Wenatchee
Trooper Chad D. Bosman, Bellingham
Trooper Rodney W. Green, Bremerton

Certified Technical Specialist Trooper of the Year

Trooper Rocky L. Miller, Walla Walla

District Certified Technical Specialist Troopers of the Year

Trooper Daniel J. Atchison, Seattle
Trooper Mark L. Crandall, Spokane
Trooper Matthew N. Hughes, Vancouver
Trooper David A. Snider, Ellensburg
Trooper Daniel R. Anderson, Marysville

Trooper Gordon J. Grendell, Commercial Vehicle Division

Detective of the Year

Detective David G. Bangart, Investigative Assistance Division

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer of the Year

CVO1 Dean J. Appell, Marysville

District Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers of the Year

CVO1 Ryan T. Wiese, Tacoma

CVO1 Kellie S. Crookshank, Seattle

CVO1 Rodney D. Wright, Yakima

CVEO1 Robert P. Shockely, Spokane

CVEO2 Jeffry N. Macchione, Vancouver

CVO1 Denise L. McMillen, Wenatchee

CVEO2 Sharon E. Henry, Headquarters

Communications Officer of the Year

CO2 Sue Bula, Spokane

District Communications Officers of the Year

CO1 Kateri Anderson, Tacoma

CO1 Deanna Oliver, Seattle

CO1 Nancy Johnson, Yakima

CO1 Lynette Jackson, Vancouver

CO2 Anthony Amorati, Wenatchee

CO1 Holly Croom, Marysville

CO2 Jonathan Pitts, Bremerton

Agency Merit System Employee of the Year

Ms. Julie A. Parkin, Technical Services Bureau

Bureau Merit System Employees of the Year

Ms. Barbara G. Aalona, Investigative Services Bureau

Mr. Kevin R. Drake, Management Services Bureau

Deputy State Fire Marshal, Larry A. Glenn, Fire Protection Bureau

Ms. Aloha K. Watson, Field Operations Bureau

Mr. Richard Wyant, Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau

Auto Theft Troopr of the Year

Trooper Jeremy M. James, Tacoma

District Auto Theft Troopers of the Year

Trooper Michael W. Sommer, Seattle

Trooper Christopher A. Holt, Walla Walla

Trooper James R. Hill, Spokane

Trooper Michael K. Wells, Goldendale

Trooper John M. McMillan, Ephrata

Trooper Ronald S. Rogers, Silver Lake

Trooper Christopher A. Cooper, Poulsbo

VIN Specialist of the Year

VIN Officer2 Christine M. Mallahan, Marysville

For further information on any award recipient, please contact the local district office.